

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**
2 **CODE SMTX THINK TANK**
3 **December 2, 2015**
4 **San Marcos Activity Center RM#3**
5 **501 E Hopkins St**
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7 **THINK TANK MEMBERS PRESENT:** John David Carson
8 Shawn Dupont
9 Betsy Robertson
10 Tom Wassenich
11 Brenda Jenkins
12 Diann McCabe
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14 **STAFF PRESENT:** Shannon Mattingly, Director of Planning
15 and Development Services
16 Abby Gillfillan, Permit Center Manager
17 Greg Schwartz, Environmental Engineer
18 Ann Gabriel, Environmental Compliance
19 Program Coordinator
20 Andrew Rice, Permit Technician
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22 **Call To Order**
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24 With a quorum present, the Think Tank Meeting was called to order by Chair John David Carson
25 at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at San Marcos Activity Center RM#3, 501 E
26 Hopkins St , San Marcos, Texas.
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28 **30-Minute Citizen Comment Period**
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30 There were no citizen comments.
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32 **Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2015**
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34 Chair Carson provided a document of amendments to replace lines 17-25 of the November 18,
35 2015 minutes. The Think Tank will review this document and may approve the amendments at
36 the December 16, 2015 Meeting.
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38 Betsy Robertson made a motion to postpone approval of the November 18, 2015 minutes until
39 the December 16 meeting, seconded by Brenda Jenkins. The motion carried.
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41 **San Marcos Watershed Initiative Presentation**
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43 Meredith Miller from the Meadows Institute for Water and the Environment provided a
44 presentation on the work of the San Marcos Watershed Initiative, the progress of the associated
45 Watershed Protection Plan and the coordination between this project and CodeSMTX.
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1 **Issue Exploration – Environmental Standards**

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3 Abby Gillfillan provided an overview of the proposed environmental standards including a
4 summary of the 2014 Land Development Code Revisions.

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6 **Issue Exploration - Intensity Zones**

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8 Abby Gillfillan provided a presentation on the proposed current and proposed code strategies for
9 environmental standards in Intensity Zones

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11 John David Carson suggests that there be a plan including financing for the construction and
12 maintenance of regional facilities in Intensity Zones

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14 Betsy Robertson commented that regional detention offers more efficient use of land.
15 Additionally, she stated that retrofitting regional detention pond would be easier than the current
16 requirement.

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18 Think Tank discussed standardizing green Infrastructure and LID Practices and the benefits of
19 adopting technical manuals with current standards.

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21 **Issue Exploration Erosion Controls**

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23 Abby Gillfillan provided a presentation on the proposed current and proposed code strategies for
24 temporary erosion control standards during construction

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26 Think Tank discussed SMTX Connect, a mobile app, as an effective way to report problems
27 pertaining to drainage issues.

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29 Betsy Robertson stated that localizing enforcement and standards was a positive step

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31 Think Tank discussed concern with the requirement of qualified personnel due to the burden that
32 this might have on smaller projects

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34 **Next Steps**

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36 Abby Gillfillan gave an update on the December 3, CodeSMTX Open House

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38 **Questions from the press and public**

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40 There were no questions from the press or public.

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42 **Adjourn**

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44 **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10**
45 **P.M.**
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2 John David Carson, Chair
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Betsy Robertson, Vice-Chair

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5 Shawn DuPont
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Diann McCabe

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8 Tom Wassenich
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Brenda Jenkins

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11 **ATTEST:**
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14 Andrew Rice, Permit Technician